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The Boise State women's basketball team captured the WAC tournament title and are headed to the NCAA Tournament next weekend.


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Get caught up on all your "American Idol" gossip in the latest episode of "The Dish."

## WEATHER

  
MONDAY  
High: 65F / Low 39F

  
TUESDAY  
High: 58F / Low 35F

  
WEDNESDAY  
High: 62F / Low 38F

## ON CAMPUS

**MONDAY**  
Distinguished Lecture Series:  
Hans Blix.  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Location: Morrison Center.  
Cost: Free - limited seating is available on a first-come basis.  
Former Chief U.N. Weapons Inspector Hans Blix will speak as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series. Hans Blix led the United Nations' efforts to search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq prior to the U.S. - led invasion in March 2003. His book, "Disarming Iraq," published in 2004, offers an insider's view of the events and inspections in Iraq before the coalition began its invasion. He will be speaking on, "Looking Ahead: Controlling Weapons of Mass Destruction."

**WEDNESDAY**  
Latin American Film Fest 2007.  
Location: Hatch Ballroom A.  
Time: 7-9 p.m.  
For more information, please contact the Cultural Center at 426-5950.

# ASBSU winners declared

BY RYAN RASMUSSEN  
News Writer

ASBSU election results were announced on Friday. Amy Ortmann and Evan Stein won the executive ticket for 2007-2008 asbsu president/vice president. Other members of team bronco celebrated with Ortmann and Stein.



"I'm really speechless right now ... it feels great, I didn't know what to expect coming in this morning."  
- Amy Ortmann

PHOTO BY RICHAE SWANBECK/THE ARBITER

Campus campaigning has officially ended. Winners from the Associate Students of Boise State University election were declared Friday in the Student Union Building.

Amy Ortmann and Evan Stein won the president/vice president election by a large margin, with 567 of the 2,119 total votes cast. The runner-up team was Britton J. Holdaway and Jennifer Stolley, with a total of 408 votes.

"To be honest, I'm amazed. I'm amazed to the fact Team Bronco, that all the people on our team truly came together and went out there," a tearful Ortmann said. "I'm really speechless right now ... it feels great, I didn't know what to expect coming in this morning."

Ortmann is very proud of her team and said the members believed and supported each other and that the campaign went better than expected. ASBSU Election Board Chair Taylor Newbold gave the announcement of the winning candidates and ballot initiatives and had results lists available to candidates and students. For initiatives to be approved they must have received the majority vote. All ballot initiatives were passed with

an overall high majority of votes on every initiative.

"The candidates put on a very clean campaign in comparison to previous years, so I think it's important that diversity won," Newbold said.

Ortmann's first thing she plans to accomplish is for the senators to undergo training so they have an understanding of their position. This will include gaining knowledge about what they can accomplish, the types of legislation and their roles and the responsibilities.

"I think this is great. The fact this is the second largest turnout we've ever had ... definitely beat our expectations," Holdaway said. "Of course [to] have five highly mobilized candidates really makes a difference ... with the odds we were against I think we did really well."

Ortmann said she is interested in doing a weekly update through The Arbiter.

She wants to be more interactive with the student body and reach out to them on a weekly basis through a podcast or news article.

"I'm very happy with the experience. I'm very happy to have met the people that I've met. We've talked with so many people on campus for the last three months and gath-



ered their feedback and really went to bat for them to make a change," ASBSU presidential candidate Ryan Cooper said. "And you know we were only as good as the team behind us, and we had a lot of wonderful people helping us out the last four days."

"We've already accomplished a lot of what we set out to do with the campaign. We brought more music to campus, we're still introducing legislation ... A little

shocked yeah, but I'm very proud of the campaign."

"I wish the best to Amy Ortmann - I think she'll do a good job," ASBSU vice presidential candidate Bakh Mirkasimov said.

Other election winners for senators at-large were Jessica Martin, Evan Meriwhether, Ashley Calls, Brian Lawatch, Lacey Vander Boegh, Angelica Garcia and Gabe Murphy.

Several of these candidates

were part of Team Bronco with Ortmann and Stein.

Winners for the college senators were Nicole Ridgeway for College of Arts and Sciences, Terry Hurless for the College of Business and Economics, Mariah Fowler for College of Engineering, Cameron for College of Health Sciences, Kayleigh Jack for College of Social Sciences and Publics Affairs and Chadwick Davis for Graduate College.

## ASBSU Election Results

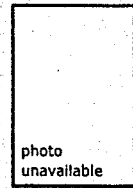
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Amy Ortmann and Evan Stein



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Kayleigh Jack



**Graduate College**  
Chadwick Davis



**College of Engineering**  
Mariah Fowler



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**College of Arts and Sciences**  
Nicole Ridgeway

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**College of Health Sciences**  
Cameron Wiemerslage

**COBE**  
Terry Hurless

**SENATOR AT-LARGE**  
Jessica Martin



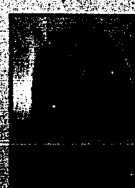
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Angelica Garcia



**SENATOR AT-LARGE**  
Gabe Murphy



**SENATOR AT-LARGE**  
Ashley Calls



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# THE HEADLINES

## WORLD

### Recanted testimony casts doubt on prosecution of suspect, ability of officials

Recanted testimony is raising new questions about the state's handling of the cases of two men implicated in the killings of women, but prosecutors say they are confident their evidence is solid.

The latest controversy comes just days after the state's star witness, Alejandro Delgado Valles, recanted his original testimony in front of a court, saying he had lied under pressure and blackmail in implicating his friend, Edgar Alvarez Cruz, a cement worker arrested in Denver last August. Alvarez Cruz was initially charged with murder in the case of one woman and last week was charged in the slaying of a second woman. Delgado was charged in one killing and jailed.

A judge later ordered Delgado's release because of lack of evidence, but the state is appealing and continues to pursue murder charges. Delgado's lawyer, Abraham Hinojos, said the latest action is another example of retaliation and scapegoating in cases involving the killing of women, a charge that Chihuahua state officials deny.

"Chihuahua's rule of law is a giant pig pen," said Hinojos, who also represents Alvarez Cruz. "This is disgusting, shameful and a slap in the face to all victims and their loved ones, plus the many scapegoats and Chihuahuans in general."

Rene Medrano, spokesman for Chihuahua's state attorney general's office, said investigators have discovered "over 100 pieces of clothing," including dresses, as evidence against Delgado and Alvarez Cruz.

"We're very confident with our case," he said. "It's solid."

Since 1993, the bodies of more than 400 female victims, including more than 100 who had been raped and mutilated, have been found in the area around Ciudad Juarez, a sprawling city where many poor women work for border factories known as maquiladoras.

The killings, condemned worldwide, will be the subject of an up-

coming Hollywood movie featuring Jennifer Lopez and Antonio Banderas.

As advocates around the world prepare to observe International Women's Day, the Washington Office on Latin America, or WOLA, issued a scathing report criticizing the governments of Mexico and Guatemala, where similar killings have been reported, for their failure to solve the cases and prevent further acts of violence against women.

WOLA was instrumental in lobbying for passage in May 2006 of a bipartisan House and Senate resolution condemning the murders of women in the state of Chihuahua.

The few Juarez cases that have been prosecuted have been undermined by allegations of confessions extracted under torture and by flimsy or concocted evidence. Advocates, including the family members of slaying victims, have said they consider some of those arrested to be scapegoats.

Among them were two bus drivers who were sentenced to 50 years for the killings of eight women. One of the men died in prison, and the other had his conviction overturned amid claims that he had been tortured.

Two attorneys who represented the bus drivers were slain, including one gunned down by state police officials.

In recent months, however, state officials have won praise for holding public trials in which evidence and oral arguments have been presented. Trials in Mexico are traditionally held behind closed doors using written testimony. Chihuahua state Attorney General Patricia Gonzales has been widely praised by U.S. authorities for her "integrity" and "commitment to judicial reform."

"This is not a time to talk about past mistakes, or errors, but to look forward and recognize the improvements we have made in recent years under Attorney General Gonzales," Medrano said.

Past critics of the government have become supporters of Chihuahua's efforts to improve its rule of law, but now some say that the case against the two men again raises questions.

"I'm not ready to indict the state government of Chihuahua. But this

doesn't look good," Oscar Maynes, Chihuahua's former state forensics chief, said of the recanted testimony. "Chihuahua authorities need to know that we're watching carefully and their reputation is on the line."

## NATIONAL

### Armed robbery involved two ex-Army Rangers

Two former Army Rangers who were based at Fort Lewis, Wash., pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Tacoma for their roles in an armed bank robbery in August.

Alex Blum, 19, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery and one count of brandishing a firearm.

Scott Byrne, 32, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery. Byrne is scheduled to be sentenced June 1 and Blum is scheduled to be sentenced June 8.

Four men carrying automatic AK-47s and semiautomatic handguns entered a Bank of America branch at 5:15 p.m. Aug. 7. They stole \$54,011 in a heist that investigators said was carried out with "military-style precision and planning."

Blum, of Colorado, used his own car to drive the group to and from the bank, but he never entered the building.

A witness jotted down his license-plate number and investigators traced the car to Fort Lewis.

Blum was attached to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, along with Chad Palmer, who pleaded guilty to his role in the heist in December and Luke Sommer, a dual U.S.-Canadian citizen, who is fighting extradition to the United States.

Sommer allegedly masterminded the robbery.

Byrne told investigators he served as a "consultant" and helped the group plan the robbery, although he did not take part in the actual heist.

Other alleged participants are Tigr Robertson of Kelowna, B.C., and Nathan Dunmall of Chilliwack, B.C., who is also

fighting extradition to the U.S.

### Mother who abandoned her twins is apprehended

Christy Radacy's three-year excursion from the law ended with her return to jail for abandoning her twin toddlers on a busy street.

Later this month, Radacy is expected to face the judge who allowed her out of jail in 2004 while he tried to determine an appropriate sentence for leaving her 22-month-old daughters on Lake Worth Boulevard in 2003.

Police said Radacy took the toddlers and placed them in the left-turn lane of an intersection before she and her boyfriend, Sari Ghazi Muhanna, drove away. Within a few seconds, other drivers noticed the girls and helped them to safety.

Radacy, now 27, pleaded guilty, and District Court Judge George Gallagher set her bail at \$10,000 before letting her out on pre-trial release.

The judge ordered Radacy to wear an ankle bracelet that would allow officials to track her whereabouts. Radacy had other ideas.

She cut off the bracelet and fled to Europe with Muhanna, officials said.

The two were flown to Texas. They were escorted to the Tarrant County Jail. Radacy awaits another hearing before Judge Gallagher, who sentenced her in absentia to 20 years in prison.

Muhanna, 39, of Kuwait, is facing charges of theft, bail jumping and endangering a child with bodily injury.

Both are being held without bail.

Ray Hall Jr., Radacy's attorney, said she had been trying to return home for several months but could not work out arrangements with federal authorities.

The couple was stopped at the Austrian-German border in January, said Terry Grisham, a spokesman for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. They were flown into Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport on Thursday night and booked into the Tarrant

County Jail, he said.

Radacy missed a court date in April 2004. Her family told authorities she was in Madrid, Spain, with her boyfriend and planned to return. She was apprehended two months later after police learned she was returning from Europe on a flight from England. Muhanna was not with her, and authorities at one point suspected he may have fled to Kuwait.

In July 2004, Radacy disappeared again to Europe. In December, she contacted U.S. authorities in Europe, saying she wanted to come home, Grisham said, but later changed her mind. Her call, however, helped authorities focus and intensify their search in Austria.

In January, law enforcement officials in Europe stopped the couple as they tried to enter Germany. U.S. officials began to work on their extradition.

Court records show Radacy has a history of abandoning her children. Permanent custody was given to a relative in 2004, according to Marissa Gonzales, a spokeswoman for Texas Department of Child Protective Services.

## LOCAL/BSU

### Tougher anti-gang bill given the OK by panel

The Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee has unanimously endorsed a bill to impose longer jail sentences for juveniles involved in gang-related crime. Sen. John McGee of Caldwell said he expects the bill will find success with the full Senate.

"I'm confident that the full Senate will now approve the bill," McGee said. He added that he believes the Senate is prepared to help strengthen the gang laws in the state of Idaho.

The bill, which McGee prepared with the help of the Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, will allow judges to sentence juveniles involved in gang-related crime to enhanced jail time.

The gang legislation specifies that an adult, or a juvenile waived to be tried as an adult, can receive up to an extra year in jail for a misdemeanor gang crime, and up to two years in prison for a felony gang crime.

If the gang crime is committed within 1,000 feet of a public or private school during hours of operation, adult and juvenile criminals can receive up to an extra four years in prison.

Canyon County Prosecutor Dave Young said his office supports McGee's legislation, explaining that it would be effective in helping fight gang violence and crime in the area.

"Often, gangs have the juveniles commit the crime, and enhancing the penalty will hopefully act as a deterrent," Young said. "It's fair to say that gang leaders pressure youth to commit the more dangerous jobs because of the lighter sentence. I think it's been proven that it definitely happens."

McGee agreed that it was important to enforce that youth will not get away with gang crime because of their age.

The gang legislation "puts juvenile gang members on notice that we're going to start getting tough," he said.

"Simply because a gang member is a juvenile," he added "that's no excuse for their crime to go unpunished."

Courtesy Idaho Press-Tribune

## WHAT THE?

### I was unhappy, that's why!

A woman in Puerto Piasco, Paraguay, told a local radio station that her husband was devoured by a boa constrictor out in the jungle. The story created a sensation when it hit the newspapers.

But an investigator discovered that the husband had, in fact, left his wife and was in perfect health working on a ranch.

The woman said she felt abandoned and admitted that she had made up the story to get attention.

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Non-newsworthy news



The other butter

BY CHAD MENDENHALL  
News Writer

March is traditionally marked with green rivers, shamrocks, elusive pots of gold and leprechauns. But perhaps another little creature to watch out for in March is Planter's Mr. Peanut, because this month is recognized as National Peanut Month.

Historians believe peanuts originated in South America, where the ancient Incas were known to have mashed them into a paste-like material. Many of their grave sites have been found with jars containing peanuts, being left for the dead in order to provide food in the afterlife.

When the Spanish explorers landed in South America and Mexico they took the precious peanuts to Africa, Spain and Asia. Scholars think that either African slaves or Spanish traders introduced peanuts to North American colonists.

By the 17th century, they were being grown commercially in South Carolina and Virginia.

Today, peanuts account for more than \$4 billion of United States economy each year. The United States, Sudan, Argentina, Brazil and Senegal account for 71 percent of the world's total peanut exporters. The peanut isn't really a nut, but a legume related to lentils and beans. The nutritional value makes them worth consuming.

Peanuts are a good source of protein, calcium, iron, copper, zinc, magnesium, potassium and phosphorus. They are naturally cholesterol-free and contain folate, which can reduce the risk of certain birth defects in the spinal cord and brain.

The peanut is to the body as their shells and oil are to the environment. Peanut shells can be found in animal feed, paper, kitty litter, plastic, wallboard, fireplace logs and certain glues. Some power plants are even fueled by peanut shells. Peanut oil can be found in furniture polish, varnish, paint and insecticides.

Consider these peanut and peanut butter facts from the National Peanut Board:

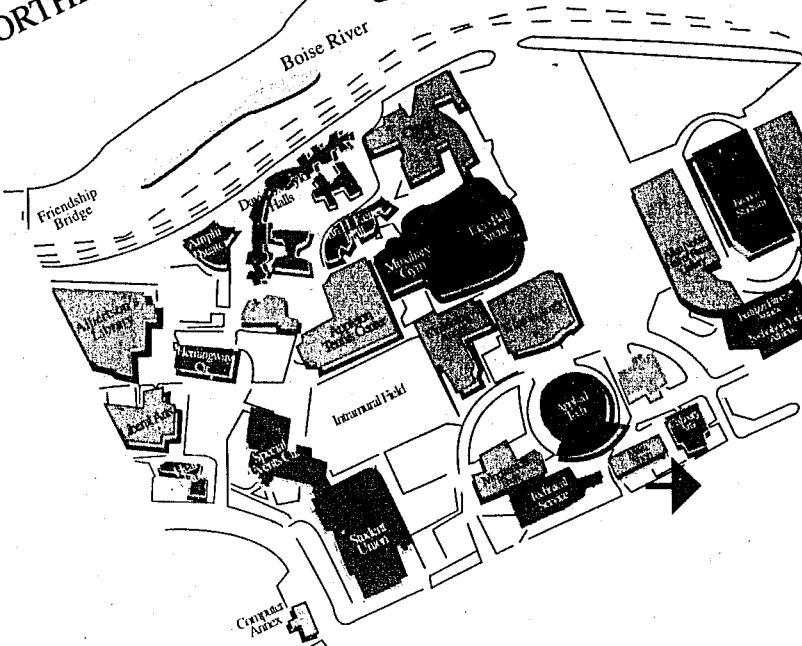
- Both Thomas Jefferson and Jimmy Carter were peanut farmers.
- It takes about 540 peanuts to make a 12-ounce jar of peanut butter.
- Astronaut Allen B. Sheppard brought a peanut with him to the moon.
- The average American consumes more than six pounds of peanuts and peanut butter products each year.
- The world's largest peanut was four inches long.
- Americans spend almost \$800 million a year on peanut butter.
- The average child will eat 1,500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches before he or she graduates high school.
- The secret behind television's talking horse, "Mr. Ed," was peanut butter.
- There are enough peanuts in one acre to make 30,000 peanut butter sandwiches.
- Peanuts account for two-thirds of all snack nuts consumed in the U.S.

National Peanut Month began as National Peanut Week in 1941, but was extended to a full month in 1974. PeanutButterLovers.com and the National Peanut Board list the following tasty peanut recipes: Southern Peanut Butter Soup with Pepper Jelly, Peanut Crusted Beef, Tropical Fruit Salad with Ginger and Peanuts, Peanut Butter Chocolate Sauce and Peanut Crusted Salmon.

# Campus Crime

February 1 - March 4, 2007

## NORTHEAST CAMPUS MAP



2/1/07 Burglary - 1974 Football trophy was stolen from the Varsity Center. Report taken.

2/3/07 Grand Theft - A purse was stolen from the women's locker room at the swimming pool. Report taken.

2/4/07 Burglary - Laptop was stolen from an unlocked room in Chaffee. Report taken.

2/5/07 Grand Theft - Laptop was stolen from the football offices. Report taken.

2/6/07 Intimidation of State's Witness - suspect tried to intimidate a witness at the Student Union. Report taken.

2/7/07 Malicious Injury to Property & Theft - Suspect tried to steal two textbooks from the Albertson Library. Pages were torn out of one of the books and pornographic pictures were drawn on the back cover of the other book. Report taken.

2/11/07 Theft - Wallet was taken from an unsecured dorm room in Chaffee. Report taken.

2/12/07 Harassment by Telephone - Employee at info desk of Student

Union received an obscene phone call. Report taken.

2/13/07 Burglary - Employee's bike was taken from inside her office in the Kinesiology Annex. Report taken.

2/23/07 Bike Theft - a bike was stolen from the east side of the library. Report taken.

2/23/07 Harassment - Student found threatening notes left on her car in the parking garage. Report taken.

2/27/07 Petit Theft - a vehicle that had been booted by parking control while parked in the Library lot left campus with the parking boot. Report taken. Follow up underway.

3/2/07 Petit Theft - A large sign advertising a BSU Tennis Match was stolen from Boise/Highland. Report taken.

3/4/07 A cell phone was taken from a computer station in the Library. Report taken.

3/4/07 A purse was stolen from a common area in Chaffee Hall. Report taken.

February 1, 2007

2/2/07 Hit & Run - Unattended vehicle was hit. No contact information was left. Report taken.

2/7/07 Fraud - Unknown suspect using victim's personal info to buy things on the Internet. Report taken.

2/11/07 Indecent Exposure - Male seen masturbating in public was apprehended near 2219 University. Report taken, arrest made.

2/11/07 Burglary - CD player was taken from a vehicle parked at Rossi/Manitou. Report taken.

2/13/07 Theft - Laptop computer was unhooked from circuit boards and taken from a lab in the Micon Engineering Building. Report taken.

2/19/07 Bike Theft - Student's unsecured bike was taken from the side yard of her home on Grant. Report taken.

2/22/07 Petit Theft - A 12-foot by 4-foot banner was stolen from the parking garage. Report taken.

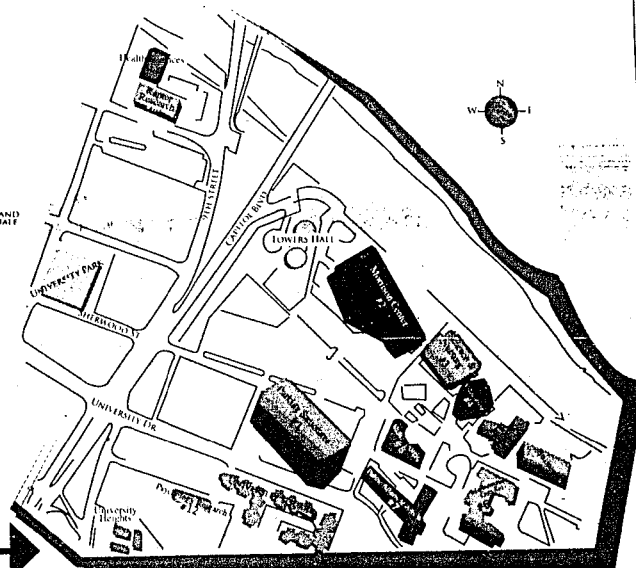
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2/10/07 Burglary - Pain pills and two cds were taken from a vehicle parked near 1901 University. Report taken.

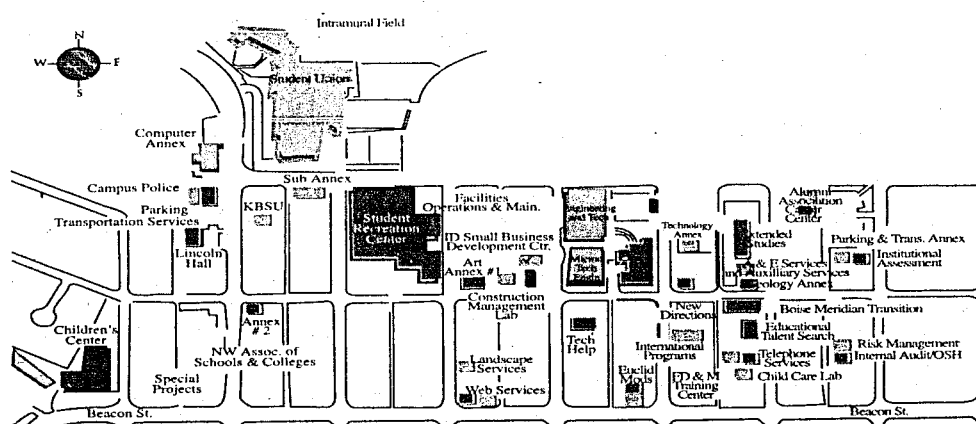
2/9/07 Bike Theft - An unsecured bike at the Heights Apartment Complex was stolen. Report taken.

2/14/07 Theft - Two bikes were stolen from a rack outside of the Square Apartments. Report taken.

## NORTHWEST CAMPUS MAP



## NORTHEAST CAMPUS MAP



2/12/07 Harassment by Telephone - Employee at work in Lincoln Hall received an obscene phone call. Report taken.

2/14/07 Theft - Loose change was taken from a drawer in an office of the Micon Engineering Building. Report taken.

2/18/07 Indecent Exposure - Two individuals were asked to leave and trespassed from the Student Union after they were found engaging in inappropriate behavior. Report taken & citations issued.

2/20/07 Grand Theft - Student's items were taken from a locker (most likely unsecured) in a common area of the Rec Center. Report taken.

2/13/07 Grand Theft - An unsecured bike was taken from in front of the Engineering Tech Building. Report taken.

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## Ask a cop

Q Is it legal to scalp football tickets on campus?

A: Generally speaking, Boise State University has a policy prohibiting the sale of tickets by private parties on campus. The BSU Athletic ticket office has more information on this topic and I would encourage you to contact them for further details.

BSU Ask-A-Cop is a program where students and faculty are encouraged to ask campus police officers questions concerning laws, ordinances, regulations or crime-prevention advice.

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**S&P 500**  
1,402.85 (+ .96)

**10 Year Bond**  
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### LOCAL

**Bank of America (BAC)**  
50.95 (+ 0.18)

**Micron Technology (MU)**  
11.42 (+ 0.09)

**Hewlett Packard (HPQ)**  
40.11 (- 0.16)

**Washington Mutual (WM)**  
42.02 (+ 0.02)

**Qwest Communications (Q)**  
8.70 (+ 0.07)

### TECHNOLOGY

**Apple, Inc. (AAPL)**  
87.97 (- 0.03)

**Google Inc. (GOOG)**  
452.96 (- 1.76)

**Microsoft Corporation (MSFT)**  
27.29 (- 0.03)

**Motorola Inc. (MOT)**  
18.47 (- 0.16)

**Yahoo! Inc. (YHOO)**  
29.12 (- 1.59)

### FUN

**Abercrombie & Fitch (ANF)**  
75.16 (+ 0.43)

**American Eagle (AEOS)**  
30.26 (+ 0.01)

**NIKE, Inc. (NKE)**  
105.85 (+ 1.25)

**AT&T Inc. (T)**  
36.55 (+ 0.04)

**Walt Disney (DIS)**  
34.37 (- 0.32)

### CURRENCY

**USD to Euro (EUR)**  
0.7623

**USD to Pound (GBP)**  
0.5178

**USD to Yen (JPY)**  
118.47

**Gold**  
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**Silver**  
12.82

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## Fair day for assistive technology



PHOTOS BY LUCINDA SUTHERLAND/THE ARBITER

BY LUCINDA SUTHERLAND  
BizTech writer

**S**unshine and excitement were abundant at the Tools for Life: Secondary Transition and Technology Fair in Boise March 5 and 6.

The fair helped inform students with disabilities, their parents and the professionals who help them about challenges they face in the transition from high school to college or technical schools.

Hundreds gathered in the ballroom at Boise's DoubleTree Riverside Hotel last week to listen to the guest speakers and take advantage of the workshops offered.

Brett Eastburn, who was born without arms or legs, opened the Fair with his keynote speech to energize and encourage everyone in the room.

His life story provided an excellent example of overcoming disabilities. In fact, he claims that he doesn't have any disabilities.

Following Eastburn's speech, his wife Chris displayed a T-shirt bearing a picture of Eastburn in his high school wrestling gear.

In 1988 he placed fourth in a national AAU wrestling competition.

He participated in many other sports and now tours as a motivational speaker and comedian.

Another featured speaker was Edie Bush from Caribou County, Idaho, who had all of her limbs amputated about four years ago while she was in a coma.

Assistive technology made it possible for her to return to work only a week after going home from the hospital.

"I've been talking a great deal in the past year about how we transition students from high school to college," Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said. "To carry that conversation a bit further: how do we meet the specific needs of students with disabilities who want to transition to their post-secondary life

and attend the college or university of their choice? And once we get students in the post-secondary setting what are we doing to accommodate their needs?"

Workshops at the fair helped answer Luna's questions.

Representatives from many of Idaho's colleges led classes to help students and parents learn more about the accommodations at the college or tech school of their choice.

Other classes were designed to help educators learn more about assistive technology they need to help their students use.

"My presentation today was on the power of hand-held computers, which used to be called PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants)," Kathy Griffin, an assistive technology practitioner and program director for United Cerebral Palsy of Idaho, said. "They've done a lot of experimentation with the power of a hand-held computer because they are so much cheaper than buying a laptop for every student."

The teacher can make an assignment and then, because of the way handhelds beam to each other, could beam it to several students, then the students can beam it to other students, in about ten minutes every student in the class could receive the assignment.

This system will ensure that nobody can lose the assignment, write it down wrong or get the dates mixed up. Everything is all there exactly the same way the teacher had it to begin with."

Her workshop also covered how the computers can help students keep track of their schedules and assignments or even read the text of entire books.

"The assistive technology that I've seen give the greatest assistance has been the Prentke Romich devices. These are concentrating on the individual's ability to communicate independently," Allen Renshaw, a speech language pathologist and coordinator of the Assistive Technology Team, said. Renshaw demonstrated

Prentke Romich devices, which look like keyboards with picture symbols, but are actually communication devices with a voice used to speak for people who cannot speak or sign.

One of these devices is called the Springboard. "They've certainly given the opportunity to transform a number of lives."

One individual who has only the use of a pressure switch on the side of the head, no hands, no arms, no legs and cannot speak, is able to provide independent communication and do so fairly rapidly.

He can tell you what kind of beer he wants to drink and what he wants to eat and who he's going to be going downtown with fairly rapidly."

Vendors at the fair were mostly from colleges or state agencies seeking to help the disabled gain assistance.

Vendors with technology for individuals with visual impairment were the most prevalent and offered everything from remote-controls with extra-large buttons to Braille label-makers and instructions for voting assistance.

Technology inventors have a long history of inspiration and motivation from loved ones with disabilities.

BI Capture was the newest technology on display.

It consists of a digital video system to enable parents and teachers to easily capture video proof of behavior intended to be shared confidentially later in medical consultation.

The sponsors of the fair include the Idaho Assistive Technology Project, the Idaho State Department of Education, the Center on Disabilities and Human Development, the Idaho Interagency Council on Secondary Transition and the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Members of these agencies were present and active during the fair to make sure it was a complete success.

## AAA warns fuel may reach \$3

BY NATHAN THOMAS  
Biztech Writer

Not long after Idaho prices reached \$2 per gallon of gas, industry analysts are saying prices will likely jump to \$3 this year. Refineries will change from making winter-grade fuel to the cleaner burning summer-grade gas.

The change will mark a price increase as the cost of production goes up. Elliott Eki, the spokesman for the American Automobile Association for Idaho and Oregon, is warning consumers of increasing gas prices.

"The price of crude is moving closer to the \$60 per barrel mark and refineries are preparing for the March switch to the more expensive, cleaner burning summer fuel blends," Eki said. "In addition, some west coast refineries are conducting routine maintenance and regional demand for gasoline has increased."

As of Sunday, the average national price for regular gasoline was \$2.47.

This is up from last month's average of \$2.16. California, which has already changed to summer-grade gas, saw prices rise to \$2.66 as of Tuesday.

"Where California goes, so does the rest of the country," Eki said. Commenting on speculation that

prices will reach \$3 a gallon. Eki continued, "I suspect it's a question of how soon. Some California cities are already there. We get really ticked off about the price one year and then the following year we say it's no big deal. Well, it's definitely a big deal when the price in your neighborhood goes up 6 cents overnight."

California currently holds the highest gas price with a national average of \$2.91.

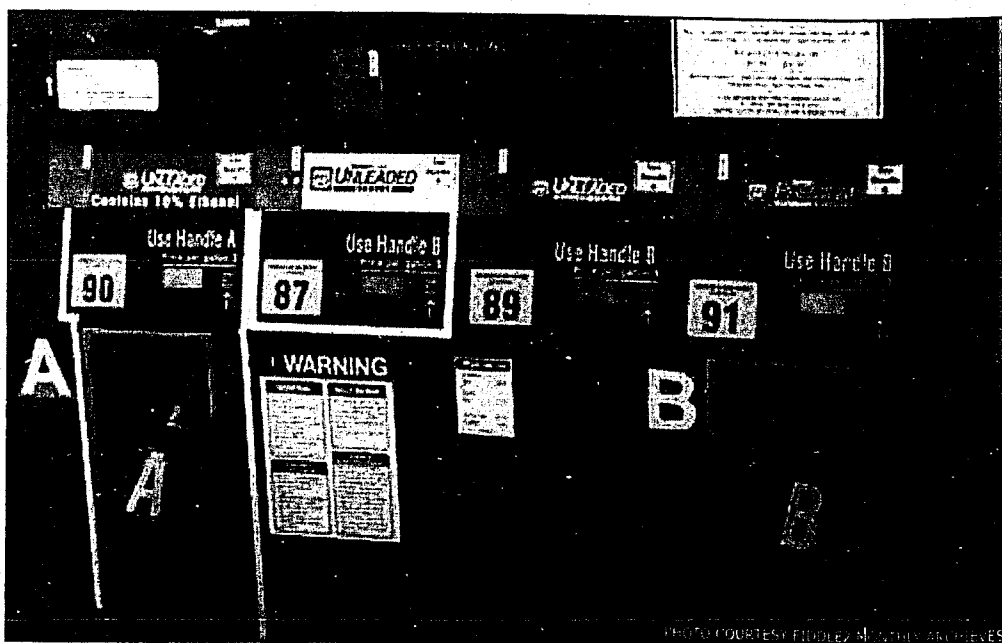
The state is followed by Hawaii at \$2.86 and Nevada at \$2.64.

In the Boise area, the average fares are at \$2.27.

This is an increase from the Boise average in February of \$2.21. Idaho's all-time record high was \$3.02 last August.

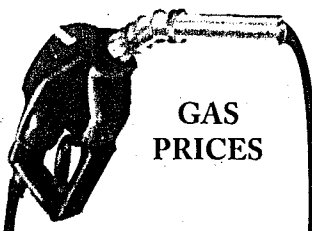
Drivers are urged to conserve as prices continue to climb.

"Consumers should avoid panic buying based on rumored price increases," said Eki. "Panic buying will only result in localized, artificial shortages. Motorists should exercise good judgment and practice fuel conservation - combine errands, minimize discretionary driving, make sure vehicles are well-maintained, slow down, and accelerate and stop smoothly."



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Spokesman for the American Automobile  
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### Least Expensive:

\$2.19 - Tesoro TA (84 Exit 54)  
\$2.20 - Costco (Cole)  
\$2.23 - Albertsons (Cole & Orchard)  
\$2.26 - Albertsons (Ustick)  
\$2.29 - Mayerik (Cole & Ustick)

### Most Expensive:

\$2.46 - Chevron (Cole & Ustick)  
\$2.46 - Chevron (Colverdale & Overland)  
\$2.46 - Chevron (Hinder & Deerflat)  
\$2.45 - Shell (Cherry)  
\$2.45 - Stinkers (Cole)

Boise Average: \$2.41  
USA Average: \$2.57

## The way we see it ...

Don't make the rest of your life as pitiful as the voter turnout was last week

The process was simple. All you had to do was take a few minutes out of your day, log onto Blackboard and vote in the ASBSU elections.

Yet, for reasons only you know, most students did not participate.

Spring 2007 enrollment at Boise State is a record 18,178 students. This is the second consecutive spring that Boise State has broken the 18,000-student enrollment mark.

The number of people who voted last Wednesday and Thursday was 2,119. That is a pitiful 11 percent of Boise State.

Come on.

What happened?

Do you remember the candidates campaigning while you were walking across campus? They were armed with oranges and little pieces of paper they thrust into your hand.

What about the debates held in the Student Union Building leading up to elections? Please, you at least remember Tigger don't you?

All they wanted you to do was pull your head out of the books for a short time, pay attention for a little bit and get involved with this university. But most of you didn't.

Full-fee paying students have a tuition cost of \$1,334.85 per semester and Boise State takes \$17.65 out of everyone's tuition for student government. We ask that you take note of what you are investing the money in. It is possible to enter into Boise State, make the grades, pass the classes and get a degree without being very involved. However, if anyone on this board spends thousands of dollars on one thing we do not expect just to get by.

Students across campus have complained about some aspects of Boise State. One big complaint has to do with the fact that they feel like numbers lost in the vastness of this institution. Often all we are is a dollar symbol churned through the system.

The way to fight against all of that, instead of just complaining, is to get involved. Make this more than just a dollar sign, give the experience a chance and do something different.

The low voter turnout for this election is just an example of the lack of participation by this student body.

We are not asking you to change the world and we're not forcing the university experience down your throat. We are asking you to do more than what is expected.

Aspire to differentiate this part of your life from what happened before.

Help prepare yourself for what will be expected from you as a participant in this society.

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## Change begins with us

### Generation Y, where are you?

BY BRIANNA RUSSELL  
Opinion Writer

The question remains as to where generation Y - the young, hip, gangster, lazy, empathetic, broke college students working at a dead-end job, trying to find what makes us happy, alcoholic youths are hiding?

According to the periodical "American Demographics," they typically use those born in 1976 - 1990s to demarcate the start of Generation Y.

Have we been too silenced and intimidated to not be heard?

Or have we become glued to watching television's latest reality shows rather than joining in on our world's harsh realities?

Eleanor Roosevelt said it best, "If you aren't part of the solution, then you are part of the problem."

So which are we?

We are the wide-eyed passengers in the back seat of Uncle Sam's car, along for the ride.

What does it mean to make a difference? Making a difference in the world, in the United States, in another person's life, in your life is where it all begins.

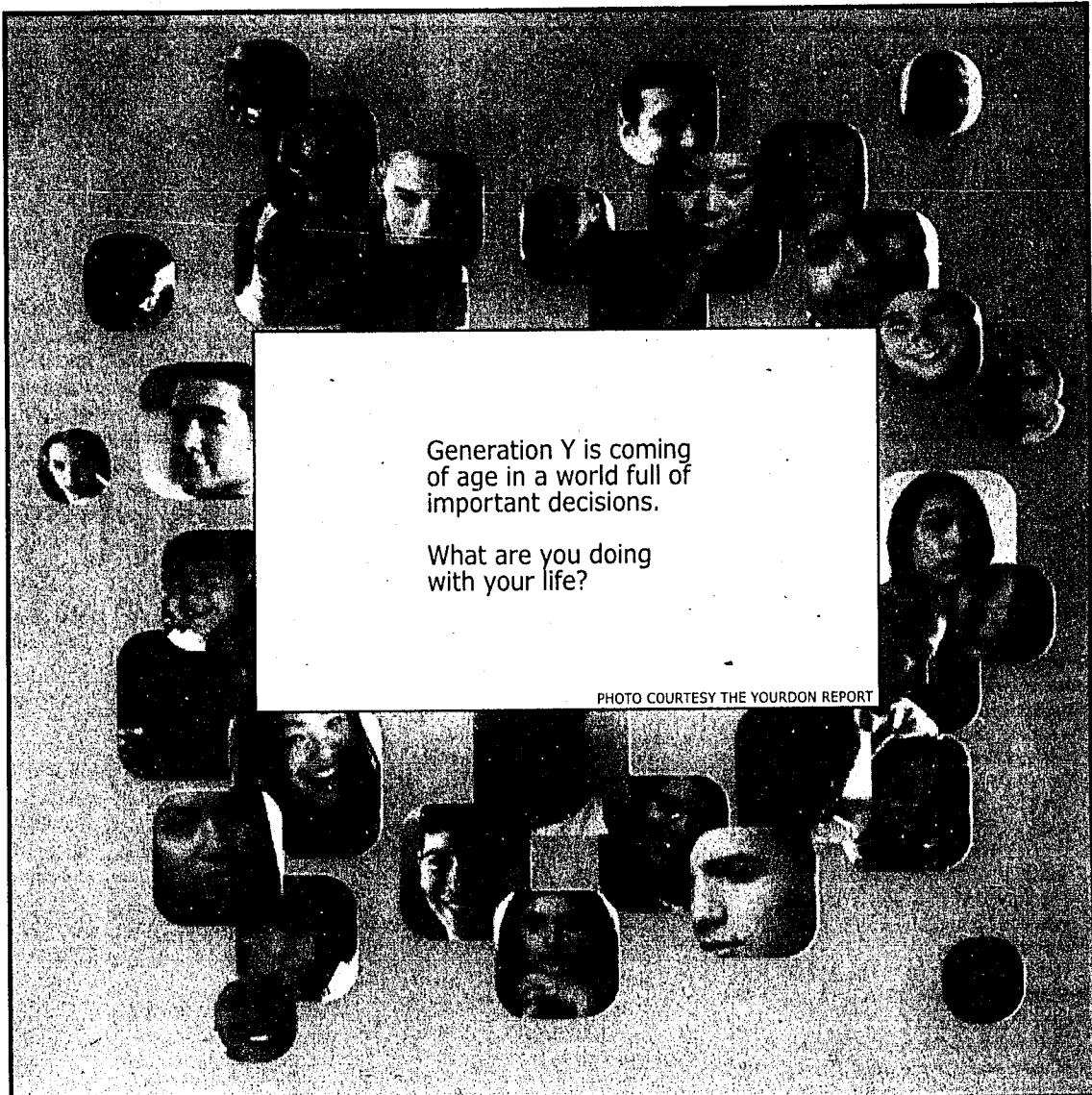
The vicious cycle never stops or begins with one end. It's like the chicken or the egg, which came first? It depends on who you ask.

Who's to blame and for what?

Does it start with public schools, tobacco smokers, oil companies, government officials, gangster killers, the health care system, assault weapons, sexual diseases, Christian conservatives, exploitation, predetermined dispositions or alienation?

Rap artist Atmosphere, said that, in regard to identifying the scapegoat in our society, "The list goes on and on..." Whether the goal is to change how uptight people are, how insecure we can be, or how our basic rights for survival should be more important than the bottom line, we can make a difference and that begins with you.

In order to feel like you've made a contribution to society, the worst thing you



Generation Y is coming of age in a world full of important decisions.

What are you doing with your life?

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can do is to whine and moan about the government and the decisions they are making, or to feel intimidated, silenced or left only with excuses.

This article is in no way persuading you to run out and join the military, or vote just because MTV told you to.

I'm telling you to use your brain, find that balance in your life and inspire others. Become a building block that holds the base structure of society - a positive model that makes everyone proud to be an American.

How can we make a difference? Granted we are only slightly further up

in the food chain, we are busy with our very responsible lives, we don't have a ton of money saved to travel the world, we're underpaid and stressed out.

But here's what we can do - we can become more aware as consumers and humanitarians, we can learn to "live and let live" so that everyone has a chance with their lives.

When I asked some college students what issues they felt needed to be addressed and worked out, they mentioned healthcare for everyone, foreign policy strictness, government hypocrisy, education, propaganda, war, youth's self-

esteem and insecurities and authoritarian intimidation whether its from the government, your parents, your boss or your peers.

These are some very influential issues in our lives.

Each aspect affects us directly or indirectly, whether we know it or not.

Empathy and manipulation are not the answer - logic and humanity are. So educate yourself and others around you. Don't fall victim to the mass media's manipulation or marketing's deception of the meaning of materialism.

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## Origin debate frustrates student

BY AARON VANDENBOS  
Guest Opinion

As a supporter of Intelligent Design, the most frustrating facet of the origins controversy is the insistence by materialists to always frame the debate as science vs. religion.

Such was the case last Wednesday night at the ACLU fundraiser debate between local conservative activist Bryan Fischer and ACLU attorney Vic Walczak, one of three attorneys to soundly win last year's Dover court case about the teaching of ID in public schools.

Time after time, Walczak sidestepped every important point presented by Fischer by releasing the "creationist chestnut" countermeasures. I began to wonder if he had an obsessive pre-occupation with squirrels.

For instance, Fischer brought up the (late) famous paleontologist Stephen J. Gould, who published a paper in the late 1970s admitting that the absence of

transitional fossils in the record was the "trade secret" of paleontology. Walczak's incredibly intelligent response included interrupting Fischer to snidely proclaim "He's dead! (no... really!?)", and then dismiss the whole thing as just more "creationist chestnuts." Admittedly, Gould published his findings almost 30 years ago, and there are fossils that are allegedly identified as "transitional" (such as Archaeopteryx).

However, dissenters from Darwinism are right to be skeptical about the degree to which the fossil record supports common descent. Gould concedes in the same paper that the nodes and tips of the evolutionary tree are supported by fossils, but not the branches in between. This is a valid criticism, not a chestnut; besides, if indeed all life did arise from a common ancestor, no-one should be relying on National Geographic to reconstruct missing links from some chunks of bone; they should be numerous and self-evident. Amazingly, Walczak was

also bold enough to assert that allowing ID into public schools would take science back to the dark ages. This would be news to Galileo, Kepler, Newton, Kelvin, Boyle and Farraday, not to mention the majority of contemporary scientists whose research would go merrily on if evolution were discarded. (I know, I know, I have a poor understanding of what science really is.)

But, the real kicker, and the grand finale of the evening, came when Fischer read a quote from University of Minnesota Biology professor Paul Myers regarding ID that reads: "The only appropriate response should involve some form of righteous fury, much butt-kicking, and the public firing of some teachers, many school board members, and vast numbers of sleazy, far-right politicians." I say, screw the polite words and careful rhetoric. It's time for scientists to break out the steel-toed boots and brass knuckles, and get out there and hammer on the lunatics and idiots." Just so every-

one completely understands the situation, this Darwinist is calling for another inquisition, a new age of McCarthyism directed at proponents of ID.

The pro-ACLU crowd (which included some BSU biology professors) shocked me when they actually started clapping in support. Is this the face of tolerance and diversity? Is this the free exchange of ideas that is becoming of a metropolitan research university of distinction?

Ever the optimist, I see that the bright side of this little Darwinian sacrament was to prove beyond any doubt that the followers of Darwinism are themselves very religious, and very dogmatically opposed to any view other than their own. If it were conceded that ID is indeed religious, based on last Wednesday night no satisfactory argument could be offered that would demonstrate that evolutionists are any less so.

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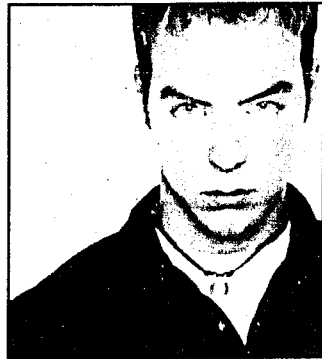
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# CULTURE

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WHAT'S HOT  
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IN ENTERTAINMENT



BY DANIEL KEDISH  
Culture Editor

## Globally

### Hot Disney diversifies

After a century of winning over the hearts of children, Disney makes another effort to strengthen the bond with America's youth while generating a more worldly aspect.

Set to release in 2009, the company started production on a new animated cartoon called "The Frog Princess," which features the very first Black princess to grace Disney's screens.

The movie is also going back to Disney's old school roots with hand-drawn animation.

The directors of "The Little Mermaid" will take control of the project.

The name of the new character is Mandy, and like the other Disney princesses, she will be featured as a live character in the Disney parks.

### Not Australia's next top wannabe

VH1 played up one of America's favorite shows, "America's Next Top Model," with a new spin-off of its own. It heading down south for a whole new breed of models - Aussie style.

"Australia's Next Top Model" debuted a couple weeks ago and I must say the show is already a complete annoyance and failure.

I hate to be vain, but Americans truly are more beautiful and smart.

Each contestant is crazy and over-dramatic, while the actual competition lacks the challenge and the reality of the modeling world. Instead, the girls take part in challenges where they have to whore themselves out to partygoers to make sure they get noticed by photographers.

It doesn't stop there either. If you once thought you loved the Aussie accent, much like I did, think again. After hearing the endless catfights and pity complaints, I want to scream at anyone who says "Good day mate."

Take my advice: watch something more worthwhile, like "The Real World."

## Locally

### Hot Weather brings about change

Spring is finally making its way to Boise and if you haven't noticed, that means a lot more sun and warmer weather.

Along with the more comfortable climate comes the perfect opportunity to embark on those activities you've been waiting to do after winter, such as hitting up one of the parks for some mimosas and Frisbee or taking a relaxing stroll or bike ride down the green belt.

Also, who could beat the endorphins one receives after basking in the sunlight for a few hours.

The weather may not be nice every-day, so be sure to enjoy the time outside while you can. Make an effort. If you have to do some studying - take it outdoors.

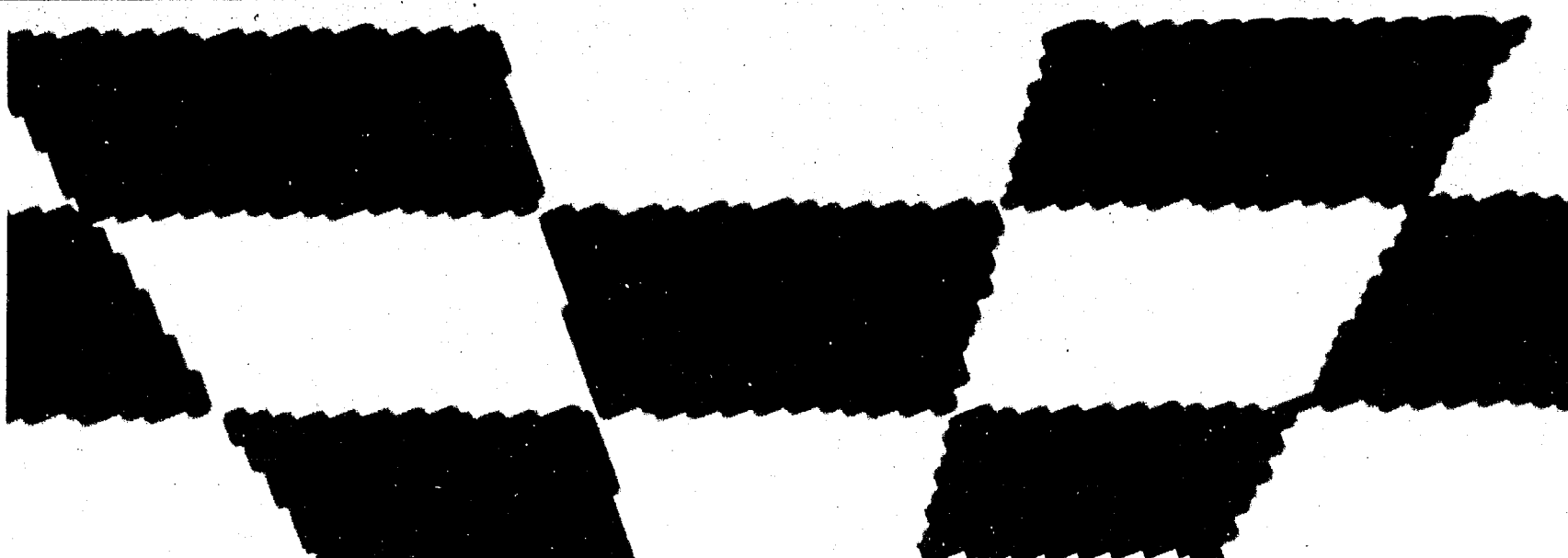
### Not Time to build the hot bod

Spring break is just a couple weeks away and after that comes summer break, which means it's time to hit the gym.

While some people dread working up a sweat, if you want to look hot this season and lose that beer gut or extra caboose you need to start shredding the pounds with some cardio and weight lifting.

With two weeks before people head off to their spring break destination, that leaves a limited amount of time to shrink down. But with discipline and hard work, you can look healthier and sexier in that time span.

Here's to looking awesome this season and one amazing vacation, even though you'll have to work your butt off - literally.



BOISE ART MUSEUM'S

## New exhibit goes

BY STEVE AHLBORN  
Culture Writer

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wall

NEW AND USED ART SALE

The Boise Art Museum opened its fundraising event "Off the Wall," featuring new and used art for sale within donated business space on Idaho Street in downtown Boise Saturday and Sunday.

Community members from around the Treasure Valley donated art and other furnishings to the museum to be sold at this event.

Melanie Fales, the interim executive director of the Boise Art Museum, said she was pleased with the response of the community to donate items to the event and was not surprised at all with the amount of support from citizens who showed up to buy art.

She went on to say that marketing for this fundraiser went well this year and the open spaces on the wall are a good sign.

The last time the Boise Art Museum had an event like this was in 2003.

At that time the only items for sale were two dimensional paintings and posters. In planning for this event, the leaders decided to add three-dimensional art, such as furniture, jewelry, pottery, crystal, wooden masks, records, books and even greeting cards.

The goal of the "Off the Wall" event was to raise \$10,000 after expenses which will all benefit the Boise Art Museum for its

exhibitions, educational programs and general operations. The generous sponsors of the event had already taken care of almost all of the basic expenses for the event itself.

As patrons of the event first stepped through the double doors they were greeted by one of the many volunteers that wanted to support the arts by donating their time to serving the cause.

The room looked similar to a warehouse, with a high ceiling, long walls and old, faded blue carpet.

Paintings adorned the all of the walls of this large room. Ladders stood still by the art for volunteers to help those wanting to purchase the art hanging high on the walls.

Tables were lightly scattered with everything from jewelry and crystals to books and greeting cards.

There did not seem to be a focal point of the room. Nothing stood out to distinguish the main attraction from everything else.

Fales said that this was like a "treasure hunt." The lower-priced items were mingled with the higher priced items and people could sort through the mix.

Two pictures, drawn by Ian Johnson, were down the center aisle toward the front of the room. The first drawing, be-

ing auctioned with the starting bid of \$2,500, depicted the "Statue of Liberty" play, which gave the Boise State Broncos football team the 43-42 win in the Fiesta Bowl against the Oklahoma Sooners on Jan. 1.

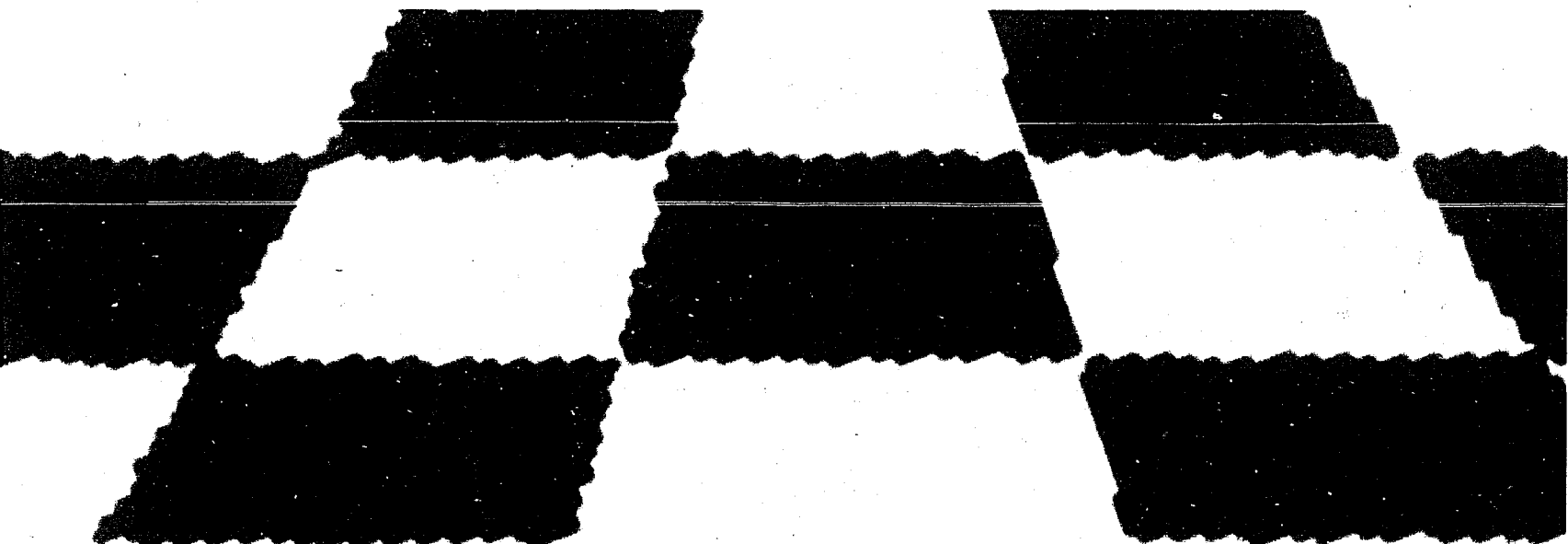
The other drawing, with a starting bid of \$2,000, was a rendering of a football with a Nike emblem on the front.

If these two were sold at their minimum bid, they would make up almost half of the fundraising goal.

All together, the Boise Art Museum put on a tremendous event that was not only successful to raise money, but also to raise awareness of the arts and show great support from the community.

The Boise Art Museum would like to thank the community for donating items, the volunteers who donated time and the sponsors who donated money.

All of these people helped to ensure the success of this event.



## Leadership Quest develops student leaders

BY STEVE AHLBORN  
Culture Writer

Last Friday students attended conferences and sessions focused on building their leadership skills and honing in on leadership techniques.

The 160 students present at the seminar were nominated by their teachers who feel that these students have potential to be great leaders.

Jay Zarr, the keynote presenter, has over 25 years experience in combining natural settings and adventure-based experiences to teach leadership, teamwork and self-esteem. He also had a master's degree in experimental education

from Minnesota State University.

He led an inspirational and energetic presentation during the morning session, teaching and reinforcing ideas about leadership in a variety of interactive and attention-getting ways.

C.J. Martin, the keynote speaker, is an alumnus of Boise State University who received a BBA in economics in 1994.

He spoke of his experience in leadership of IBM's WebSphere Software having more than 100 personnel and \$150 million in annual revenue.

His speech was quite inspirational. He concluded with the thought that if leaders do not have a picture submitted to ASBSU for a

charcoal drawing to be done, a not so flattering picture would be used and that embarrassing charcoal image would forever be immortalized in the Student Union Building for all to see.

Special awards were given to certain students who have exemplified leadership in their lives.

These awards included: the Larry G. Selland Leadership Scholarship received by Mark Getecha, the Margie Van Vooren Leadership Development Scholarship received by Michelle Lundquist, the FLS Emerging Student Leader Award given to Lacey Vander Boegh, the Director's Award received by Taylor Newbold and the President's Award given to Dang Du.

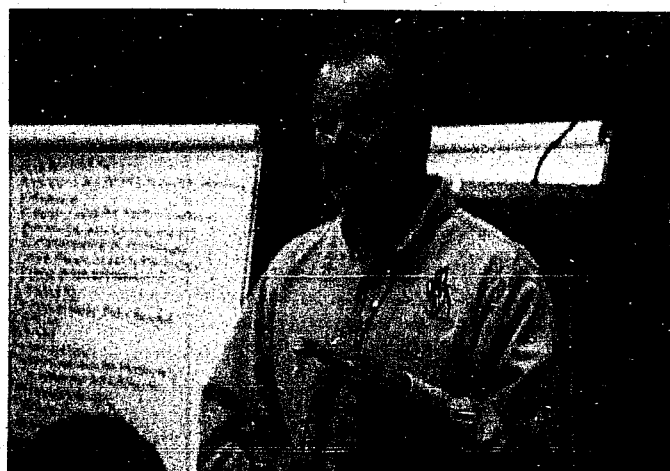


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Jay Zarr and C.J. Martin led students in a series of seminars focused on gaining leadership skills.



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## New movie provides an action-packed adventure

BY ROBERT W. BUTLER  
McClatchy Newspapers

"300" is an adolescent male's dream come true: nearly two hours of surging testosterone and spraying blood. The temptation is to laugh it off the screen.

But in the hands of director Zack Snyder (the "Dawn of the Dead" remake) and an army of unsung computer dweebs, Frank Miller's graphic novel about the ancient battle of Thermopylae comes splendidly, bone-crunchingly to life.

Make no mistake. This is a comic book movie. It's got a human cast, but they move through an environment that is 90 percent computer generated (not unlike Robert Rodriguez's "Sin City").

Though based on historic events, the movie is over the top in a way that only comic books can get away

with. Nor does "300" bear up under intellectual scrutiny.

Despite all their talk about freedom and democracy, the Spartan citizen-warriors who are the film's heroes, behave and think along lines that would have earned Adolf Hitler's stamp of approval. But "300" isn't about thinking. It's about action.

It's about 300 Spartans holding off an invading Persian army of millions, slaying untold foes before falling and by their sacrifice giving the rest of Greece breathing room to prepare a defense.

It may be one of the greatest examples of "kill them all theater" in movie history.

Gerard Butler ("Phantom of the Opera") is Leonidas, the Spartan king who refuses to surrender to Xerxes, emperor of Persia.

Spartans, apparently, have little but contempt for the social and legal niceties, since Leonidas's answer to Xerxes's emissaries is to throw them into a bottomless pit.

Though warned by the local oracle not to get Sparta involved,

Leonidas handpicks 300 warriors to conduct an ad hoc campaign against the Persians. He blocks the invading army at the narrow seaside pass known as Thermopylae. And the killing begins.

The Spartans destroy a wave of Persian swordsmen. They withstand an attack from thousands of archers. They push trumpeting battle elephants over a cliff and into the sea. They cut down a charging rhinoceros. Heck, they even destroy a big ugly guy who looks like one of the trolls from "The Lord of the Rings."

Then they break for lunch.

Snyder has captured all this with some of the most imaginative battle footage ever. The film's action scenes have been designed to simulate the act of reading a comic book. Snyder will freeze the action so that we can study it, advance it a bit in slow motion and then jarringly bring it up to full speed. The effect is hypnotic, poetic and extremely graphic. We're talking droplets of gore flying in delicate arcs from dripping sword blades.

Another comic book effect is the use of a monochromatic color palette. Sunlit scenes are bathed in a golden glow.

Nighttime shots are blue. Sometimes the only color on screen is the red of the Spartan's cloaks.

Occasionally the movie returns to Sparta where Leonidas' queen (the very fine Lena Headey) is attempting to mobilize the Spartan army while fending off the advances of the Machiavellian Theron (Dominic West), who is willing to cave to the enemy in return for a good job in the expanding Persian Empire.

A warning. The deeper you look at "300," the more problematic it becomes. To maximize enjoyment it may be necessary to overlook some politically incorrect elements. But taken at face value, "300" may be the guy movie to end all guy movies.



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Info Seeker



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Dear Info Seeker, HPV is Human Papilloma Virus, a virus that causes common warts, flat warts, plantar warts, genital wart, cervical and vocal cord/respiratory cancers. The virus is transferred via skin-to-skin contact and sexual contact. The virus lives in the genital mucous membranes and in skin around the genital region. By age 50, approximately 80 percent of people will have been infected by the genital strains of HPV.

There are over 100 types or strains of HPV, most are numbered as such: HPV-1, HPV-2, and HPV-3. Thirty of the 100 strains of HPV are found to cause cancers. However, not all strains of HPV cause cancer, as some strains cause only genital warts and some strains cause only common warts. HPV strains 16, 18, 31, 33 and 35 are the strains associated with cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, 3,700 women die each year from cervical cancer related to HPV. Please note that not all cervical cancer is caused by HPV, other factors such as genetics can also play a role in the development of cervical cancer.

HPV can be a silent type of infection where the symptoms go undetected. A person can live with the virus for weeks to years and not know that they have it. Genital warts, caused by HPV strains 6 and 11, are more obvious because the person will have an outbreak of warts in their genitals. The warts in women will develop in or around the vagina, cervix and anus. In men, the virus

will develop in or around the penis, scrotum, anus and thigh. Genital warts are cauliflower-shaped, pink or red, moist bumps that range in size and height. The warts may be large, small, flat or raised, similar to a normal wart you would get on your hand.

To diagnose genital warts in men and women, a physician does a visual examination. For women, a pap test is done to diagnose the cervical cancer causing HPV. A pap smear can identify the changes, from normal to abnormal, that occur in cancerous cervical tissue.

With the technological advancements in medicine, new methods are being developed to detect and treat HPV. The HPV vaccine is a new advancement and is for women only. The vaccine, named Gardasil, was developed in 2003. The vaccine is designed to be given in three doses. The first dose is given at a certain time, the second dose is given two months after the first and the third dose is given four months after the second dose.

The vaccine costs about \$425.00 for a three dose series. The vaccine is designed for women between the ages of 11-26. The vaccine only protects against four HPV strains: HPV 6 and 11, which cause the majority of genital warts and HPV strains 16 and 18 which cause most cervical cancers. If a person is already infected with HPV, the vaccine will not prevent the disease.

The HPV vaccine is safe and nearly 100 percent effective in preventing HPV infection and precancerous tis-

sue that can lead to cervical cancer. In principle, a vaccine is made from inactive or dead viral components and works by injecting the viral components into the body where it enters the blood stream. Once in the blood stream, the immune system detects the dead virus and mounts an antibody response to kill and phagocytize the virus. Immune cells, named B cells, are also produced in the immune response and form what is known as a cellular memory.

This means that the next time the immune system sees the virus it will remember the virus and begin to produce antibodies to kill the live virus. If a person becomes infected with HPV the immune system is ready to fight and kill the virus.

Because HPV is sexually transmitted, using a condom is a good choice for sexual health.

However, because HPV can be transmitted during sexual intercourse from a region of adjacent infected tissue, the best policy for protecting yourself is abstinence. Keep yourself healthy and safe!

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## [SIDE LINES]

### 2007 BSU football schedule announced

Boise State University announced its official football schedule March 8. The Broncos play seven home games (including three non-conference games) in Bronco Stadium. BSU opens Western Athletic Conference play with home games against New Mexico State and Nevada. The Broncos will conclude the regular season on the road at Hawaii.

Aug. 30 (Thursday)	Weber State	Boise
Sept. 8 (Saturday)	Washington	Seattle, Wash.
Sept. 15 (Saturday)	Wyoming	Boise
Sept. 22 (Saturday)	Southern Miss.	Boise
Sept. 29 (Saturday)	Bowling Green State	Bowling Green, Ohio
Oct. 7 (Sunday)	New Mexico State	Boise
Oct. 14 (Sunday)	Nevada	Boise
Oct. 20 (Saturday)	Louisiana Tech	Ruston, LA
Oct. 26 (Friday)	Fresno State	Fresno, Calif.
Nov. 3 (Saturday)	San Jose State	Boise
Nov. 10 (Saturday)	Utah State	Logan, Utah
Nov. 17 (Saturday)	Univ. of Idaho	Boise
Nov. 23 (Friday)	Hawaii	Honolulu, HI

### BSU teams with Idaho Stampede Wednesday night

Wednesday, March 14, the Idaho Stampede and Boise State University are teaming up for a special BSU Alumni and Friends night.

The Stampede are set to host the Austin Toros at Qwest Arena and a special BSU gathering will be held pre-game in the Sports Zone in the arena.

Fans who show their game tickets and acknowledge they are a part of Bronco Nation will be admitted. BSU President Bob Kustra will speak, along with the Stampede Head Coach Bryan Gates, who is alum of Boise State.

Tickets for the game can be purchased for \$10.

Later in the week the Stampede will host two special promotions for its games against the Anaheim Arsenal. Friday night is the Stampede's Military Appreciation Night.

The evening is expected to be one of the highest-attendance games of the season. Saturday night is Micron Night, when the Stampede will be honoring many of the brightest math students in the Treasure Valley.

There are only seven home games left in the regular season and the Stampede currently holds the best record in the team's nine-year history.

# The Broncos are going dancing:

## BSU earned an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament with a win over New Mexico State

BY KYE JOHNSON  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Boise State University women's basketball team is heading to the NCAA tournament. Nobody knows whom and where the Broncos will be playing just yet, but that hardly matters right now because the team is right in the middle of what March Madness is all about. It wasn't all smiles for BSU on Saturday afternoon though, because for much of the first half of the Western Athletic Conference Championship game it looked as if the underdog New Mexico State team would be the one punching its ticket to the NCAA tournament.

"It's been just a really amazing year for our team, so we're excited," BSU Head Coach Gordy Presnell said after the final game. "It was great game. New Mexico State did a great job."

It was a slow start for both teams in the championship game. Eight minutes into play the score was tied up at only seven points each. The Broncos had six turnovers in the first half to add onto their offensive struggles.

With 6:30 to play in the first half, the game was tied up at 12. But New Mexico State went on a 9-0 run to extend its lead to 21-12 with just over a minute to go in the half. BSU went into the half trailing 25-18. But much like their semifinal game against Fresno State, the Broncos came out swinging to start the second half. BSU quickly chopped a seven-point lead to within one possession and it all started rolling Boise State's way from there.

"I think at halftime we decided just to play fearlessly and come out with a lot more heart and desire," BSU wing Jessica Thompson said. "Because that's what is going to win championships - that heart and the will to win, and my team has that."

BSU point guard Tasha Harris took the game into her own hands down the stretch. She single handedly kept the BSU offensive attack going every time it hit a dry spell. Three times within four minutes Harris used her patented left handed lay-in through traffic and converted each time. Twice she was fouled and converted the free throws.

"She's real quick with her left hand, even though she's right handed," Presnell said. "She finishes well. She did a real nice job."

Junior Jackie Lee nailed a big three for BSU with 4:44 to play to give the Broncos a 46-44 lead. Boise State never trailed after that shot.

Perhaps the key play down the stretch for BSU came with just under a minute to go.

BSU had possession of the ball and was milking as much time off the clock as they could. Harris threw up a three-point attempt and missed, but BSU guard Nadia Begay pulled the rebound down and kept the offensive possession alive, giving NMSU less time for a comeback.

"I've never been around a group that was more diverse economically, academically and racially and still so tight," Presnell said. "It's an amazingly tight group, as tight as I've ever seen. And they are one for all and they are fun to be around and it's just been an honor to be a part of their lives."

Harris led all Bronco scorers with 13 points, followed by Jenna Galassi and Amanda Stewart who each had eight points each. Jessica Thompson was named the WAC Tournament Most Valuable Player.

The women will find out who they play in the first round of the tournament Monday night when the NCAA releases the tournament bracket. The selection show begins at 6 p.m. (MT). Tickets for the first round go on sale Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. through the BSU ticket office.

"We'll do something on Monday and watch the show to see where we go or where we end up and then we'll get back to business," Presnell said. "But we're going to enjoy this because this doesn't happen very often and it hasn't happened in Boise in a while, so we're going to enjoy this one."

In his second season with the Boise State women's basketball program, Head Coach Gordy Presnell (right) has led the Broncos to a WAC tournament championship and a spot in the NCAA tournament.

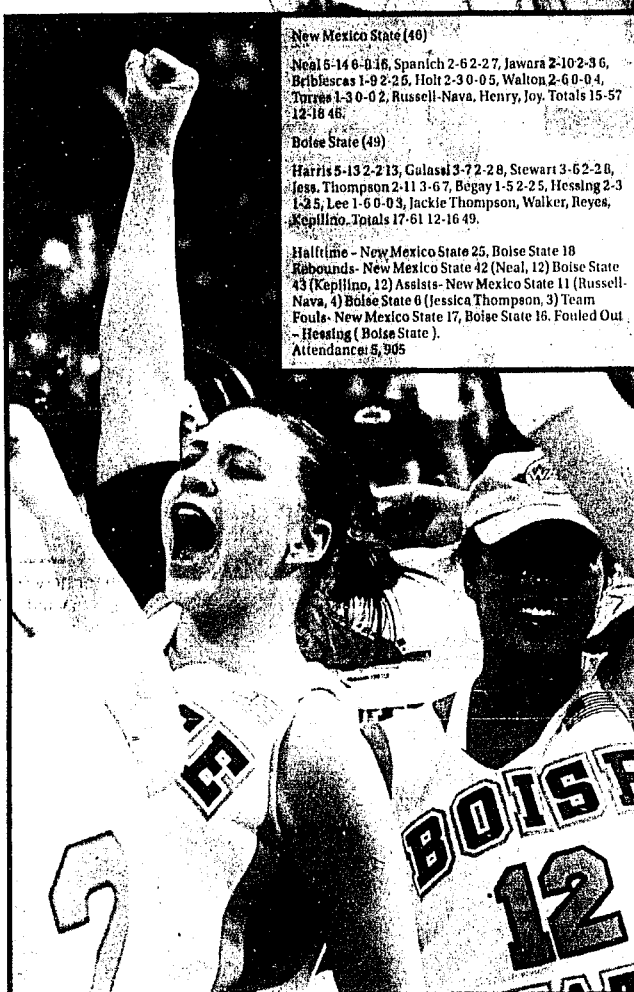


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# BSU drops intense semifinal game

BY JAKE GARCIN  
Sports Editor

The Western Athletic Conference men's basketball tournament played out in a dramatic and almost random fashion over the four-day course in which it was played.

Unfortunately for Boise State (17-14) the drama and momentum went in favor of the opponent - New Mexico State - in the Broncos' semifinal game of the tournament.

The Broncos' tournament championship run ended Friday night as the Aggies out shot and out ran BSU to an 88-69 win. The loss ends the Broncos' shot at qualifying for the NCAA tournament and puts their hopes of an invitation to the National Invitational Tournament in the balance.

"I thought they played very well and I thought they shot the ball extremely well," BSU Head Coach Greg Graham said after Friday's game. "The three-ball really hurt us in the first half and kind of set the tone for them."

NMSU jumped out to an early lead behind hot shooting, and the Broncos struggled to keep pace for the entire game. With under two minutes left in the first half NMSU's Elijah Ingram poured in 11 points to blow a two-point game wide-open at the half. Ingram finished the game with a season-high 25 points.

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In the second half Boise State failed to cut the lead back to single digits and allowed the Aggies to dominate the boards, 46-24. With 6:12 remaining on the clock the game took a dramatic turn for the Broncos. Senior guard Coby Karl was called for an intentional foul after making a hard block on Tyrone Nelson on the break.

Nelson and Karl both went to the floor and New Mexico State Head Coach Reggie Theus rushed to the vicinity of both players immediately.

The New Mexico State coaching staff quickly restrained Theus during the confrontation. After the game he said he was simply rushing to aide his player. Theus was given a technical foul for leaving his coaching box. Free throws were shot by both teams and play resumed without any more theatrics.

"I was on the ground when I first saw the refs call the technical," Karl said. "Then I saw Reggie come out and, yeah, I did think he was coming at me. But it turns out he wasn't."

The play ended up having no real effect on the game, but it did mark the second consecutive night where Karl was involved in an intentional foul play.

Thursday night in the Broncos'

tournament opener against Fresno State, Quinton Hosley maliciously elbowed Karl in the head while the two fought for a rebound.

"I didn't see it coming," Karl said. "I was behind him trying to push him under the basket and think he was a little frustrated. I don't know what it was throughout the whole game or what not, but he just swung with his right elbow and got me in the back of the head."

Hosley was ejected from the contest and Boise State took advantage of the Bulldogs' shortened bench. The Broncos finished off a 14-point comeback with Hosley out of the game and went on to defeat Fresno 78-73.

"I think it's a big impact," Graham said about Hosley's ejection. "However I thought we started to rally and come back on them. We scored the first seven of the half to take their lead from 14 down to seven while he was still in there. But anytime you take a player of that caliber off the team, it has an impact on both teams. He's a very good player and he's an all-league player for a reason."

Coach Graham hoped the momentum from the Fresno State game would carry into the semifinal match-up. The Aggies proved to be too powerful on their home court, however, and the WAC title run finally came to an end for the Broncos.

The Boise State men's basketball team was knocked out of the Western Athletic Conference tournament Friday by New Mexico State, 88-69. The Aggies went on to defeat Utah State, 72-70, in the tournament championship game Saturday.

# Men's tennis sweeps weekend duals

BY MICHELLE MILLIKEN  
Sports Writer

The No. 27-ranked Bronco men's tennis team is on a mission to return to the higher ranking they began the season with. The Broncos helped their cause by winning all three duals they hosted at the Appleton Tennis Center this weekend.

They started off strong on Friday against Pacific University by sweeping the doubles points.

Eric Roberson and Blake Boswell beat Moritz Starke and Vegard Veskimagi (8-6) to start the weekend. Stanley Sarapanich and Steve Robertson then defeated Alan Kelly and Pedro Toledo (8-4) while Brent Werbeck and Piotr Dilaj won 8-4 over Robert Price and Ahad Ebrahim.

The Broncos also won all of their singles matches against Pacific, winning five of six matches in straight sets and completing the sweep 7-0.

Moving into Saturday the University of Idaho was the Broncos'

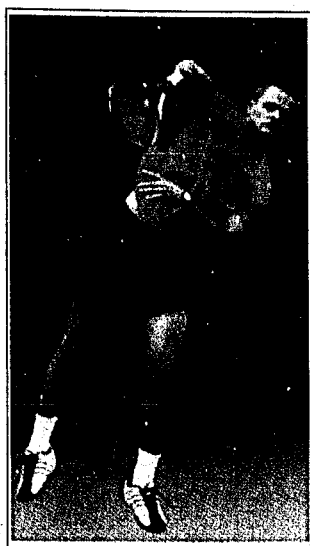


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The men's tennis team completed a 3-0 sweep of their weekend dual play.

next victim. Complete with another 7-0 sweep, the Broncos won all six of their singles matches and two of

the three doubles matches to get the doubles points.

In the singles matches Piotr Dilaj bested Stanislaw Glukhav (6-1, 1-6, 6-4) to keep the winning streak for BSU alive. Steve Robertson followed up with a big win over John Hieb (6-1, 6-1) and Eric Roberson defeated Rob Chalkly (6-4, 6-3).

BSU's second competitor on Saturday was University of New Mexico. This rivalry provided an exciting match that the Broncos would eventually prevail in 4-3.

BSU began the match by again sweeping the doubles points. Luke Shields and Stanley Sarapanich defeated Max Jones and Kamil Pajkowski 8-5. Steve Robertson and Clancy Shields beat Chris and Johnny Parks 9-7 and Blake Boswell and Eric Roberson rounded it out by besting Miles Bugby and Graeme Kassautski 8-6.

"Doubles points are everything," BSU Head Coach Greg Patton said. "If we lose a double point we lose our match today. Doubles matches are a key for us."

In the singles matches there was

a split. Luke Shields beat Jones in three sets (3-6, 6-2, 6-3) to put the Broncos further out in front of the Lobos.

Clancy Shields knocked off Kassautski (6-4, 6-2) in the second match and Robertson quickly bested Pajkowski (6-1, 6-0) in the third. The other three matches all resulted in defeat for the Broncos, but they were all decided in the third set.

"Overall, this match was fun," Clancy Shields said. "We had a really good crowd, which was the highlight for me. We've been on the road all the time so far this season, so being at home gave us energy and the desire to do well. We fed off of it."

Coach Patton said he was also grateful for the turnout for this particular match.

"This was a big match because New Mexico has always been a rival for us," Patton said. "We always kind of battle it out. It was an epic dual for me. The crowd was great. And having the basketball team here right after their competition in the WAC Championships was really great to see."

The Broncos are heading to the Blue Gray tournament in Alabama next weekend and Patton says that's going to be a definitive competition for them.

"The Blue Gray's our shot because the seventh, 18th, 22nd, 23rd

and 25th-ranked teams will be there," Patton said. "That means five teams that are ahead of us in the rankings. There are also eight teams in the top 30 and thirteen in the top 50. We get some wins there we can climb up the ladder."

## Women's tennis cruises through weekend

BY TATE CASTLETON  
Sports Writer

The Boise State men's tennis team isn't the only tennis team turning heads in Boise this season. With two wins this past weekend the BSU women's tennis team finds itself climbing the national ranks and garnering national attention having won four of its last five duals.

Sunday the women defeated the Pacific University Tigers 6-0 and knocked off rival Idaho 7-0 on Friday at the Appleton Tennis Center to improve to 9-2 overall. The Broncos are now rank No. 45 nationally, which they know can play a pivotal role in their postseason future down the road.

"It means a lot," Bronco Head Coach Mark Tichenor said. "The last couple of bids in the NCAA are usually with teams between that No. 42-48 area and we're right there."

With great weather on their side Sunday against Pacific the women were able to capture the doubles point and excelled, winning five of six singles points to triumph over the Tigers. Senior Tiffany Coll teamed with Polina Kokoulina to shutout Vana Mrazovic and Svenja Arens 8-0.

In singles Stacey Housley made quick work of Sasha Fisher 6-2 and 6-2 to collect her team-leading 21 win on the season.

"We feel really good about how we competed," Tichenor said. "The girls are really excelling and doing some great things to get noticed."

Last Friday the Bronco women overcame light rain showers and overcast skies to sweep Idaho 7-0 and improve to 8-2 on the season. Boise State came out hot and

never cooled off despite the cooler weather.

Playing the No. 1 doubles, Laura Baum and Jana Mackova broke the serve of the Vandal's Patricia Ruman and Mariel Tinirello three times to secure the 8-3 victory. Baum and Mackova have been solid for the Broncos all season long. When teaming up the two sophomores have accumulated an 18-3 record.

The Broncos have been impressive so far this season beating quality opponents such as No. 38 New Mexico, 5-2, No. 61 Nevada, 6-1, and No. 63 Kansas State, 5-2. Boise State has fallen twice this season to No. 20 Wichita State and No. 26 Oregon.

"We've got to look at how we play in matches and improve," Tichenor said. "We've improved a lot from our first loss to Wichita State."

For Tichenor and his team they are just glad to be home. Boise State has not played a home match since early last November. Homecourt advantage is something the Broncos are glad to have.

"When you play on the road, you have to be better than your opponent," Tichenor said. "You can't be equal to them; you can't be lesser than them. It's fun for people to come out and see us, and you can certainly tell the girls have an extra bounce in their step."

After securing the doubles point, the women certainly used that extra bounce to capture all six available singles points with straight set victories.

Polina Kokoulina got things rolling with the No. 1 spot with a 6-2 and 6-2 victory over Patricia Ruman.

The win helped Kokoulina improve to 2-2 on the season. The

Broncos shook things up moving Bianca Jochimsen down to the No. 2 singles spot.

The freshman came through collecting the straight set victory over Mariel Tinirello 6-2 and 6-1.

"We feel really good about where we're at," Tichenor said. "These girls give it everything they've got

every match and I know we've surprised some people this year."

The women hope to continue their ascent in the national rankings next weekend when they travel to Seattle, Wash., on Friday March 23 to battle Washington and then against Gonzaga on Saturday March 24.

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**Where:** Education Bldg. 7th Floor Social Work Dept.

**When:** 3/12 - 3/20

### Auction Items:

• 8 Hours of "free" labor  
• 2 - 45 min. guitar lessons  
• Gift Baskets  
• Old Id. Statesman Newspapers  
• Custom hand casting jewelry

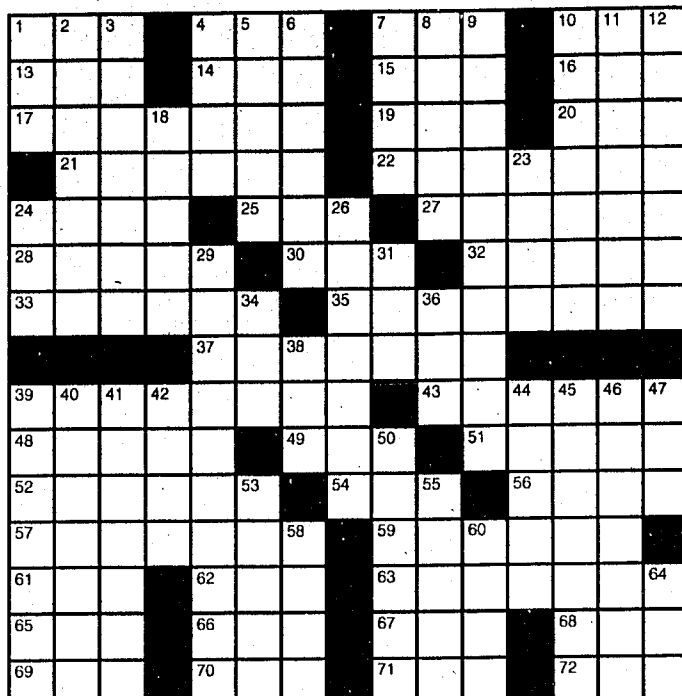
### THINK YOU'RE FUNNY?

Email a comic to [little.bigbird@yahoo.com](mailto:little.bigbird@yahoo.com) and it may be put in the paper. It should be in a PDF format. The Dimensions should be 5.735" wide by at least 2" tall.  
**Good Luck!**

## Crossword

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1 Capp and Gore  
4 A/C measure  
7 Distress signal  
10 Mach+ jet  
13 Stoolie  
14 Dr. Dre's genre  
15 Blast letters  
16 Top pilot  
17 Constitution writers  
19 LAX posting  
20 Lon \_ of Cambodia  
21 Expansion  
22 Plaintive  
24 Bandleader Puente  
25 Wok sauce  
27 Arrest record  
28 Manipulators  
30 Argentine aunt  
32 Hold contents  
33 Scare tactic  
35 "Our Miss Brooks" star  
37 Pills or pads  
39 Yelled  
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48 Effective use  
49 Lawn moisture  
51 \_ Cruz, CA  
52 Thaw twice  
54 Lake maker  
56 Obligation.  
57 Advance showing  
59 Brazilian port  
61 Abdul Aziz \_ Saud  
62 Refrain syllable  
63 Cook in a wok  
65 Take a chair  
66 Sea eagle  
67 Knack  
68 Director Spike  
69 6-pointers  
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2 Somewhat big  
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4 Concoct  
5 Topless little pies  
6 Outcome  
7 Goulash or slumgullion  
8 Scheduled to follow  
9 Flights  
10 Koufax, formally  
11 Chastise severely  
12 Informs against  
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23 Stretcher of the truth  
24 Boy king of Egypt  
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29 Earth orbiters  
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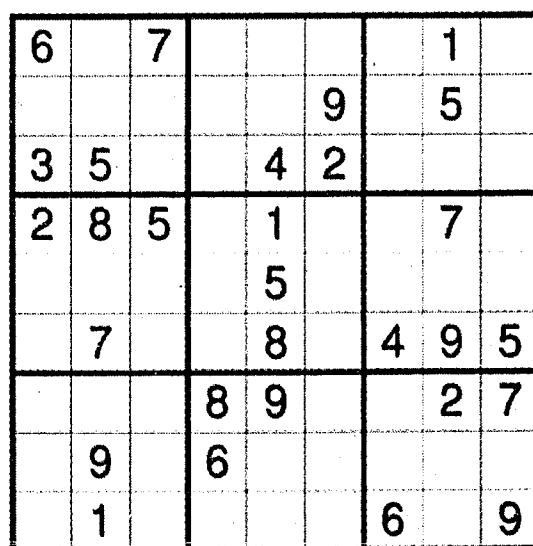
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## Sudoku By Michael Mephram



Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

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## COMICS

**DOGBERT'S SPEAKERS BUREAU**  
I BOOKED YOU TO DO THE KEYNOTE SPEECH FOR A BIG COMPANY.

**THEY NEED A SPEAKER WHO IS SO BORING AND UNINSPIRING THAT THEIR CEO'S HUMOROUS SKIT SEEMS LESS SOUL-CRUSHING.**

**HOW LARGE IS THE AUDIENCE?**  
1,500 VICTIMS.

**WALLY'S KEYNOTE SPEECH**  
THE SOURCE OF ALL UNHAPPINESS IS OTHER PEOPLE.

**THE SOONER YOU LEARN TO THINK OF OTHER PEOPLE AS NOISY FURNITURE, THE SOONER YOU WILL BE HAPPY.**

**THAT'S THE STUPIDEST ADVICE I'VE EVER HEARD!**  
HEY, IT'S A TALKING OTTOMAN! HEE-HEE!

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR**  
YOU'VE MADE A LOT OF MONEY AS A DEMOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER.

**I RECOMMEND ALLOCATING 2% OF IT TO ME, AND 98% TO THINGS THAT SOUND GOOD IF YOU DON'T LOOK INTO THEM TOO CLOSELY.**

**HOW ABOUT A MANAGED STOCK FUND WITH HIGH CHURN AND A BIG FRONT-END LOAD?**  
SOUNDS GOOD.

## HOROSCOPES

BY LINDA C. BLACK  
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**Today's Birthday (03-12-07).** The lid will blow off the box that you've been living in this year. Whether this is good or bad depends a lot on you. Do the homework, be prepared and pack your own parachute. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
Today is a 7. A person who insists that you play by the rules is your most effective supporter. Don't resist; comply. You can win the race easily.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 7. It's hard to say "no" to the people you love, but sometimes it must be done. This is especially true if they think they can waste your hard-earned money.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
Today is a 6. You'll find out the real truth, which could cause modifications to your plans. It's always good to know these things, however. Take it in stride!

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**  
Today is an 8. Keep pushing, even when you're tired and have just

about given up. Determination is one of the most effective tools you have, so use it. The rewards will be enormous.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is a 5. Truth is, you could care less whether the job gets done. Luckily, you have enough set aside to coast for a while. Any chance you can take the day off and continue your recuperation?

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is a 5. Your partner is full of helpful suggestions. Some of the ideas are good, but don't put any in practice yet. Draw lists of the pros and cons.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Today is a 7. New technology is wonderful, once you know how to use it. Try to be patient now, during the awkward learning phase.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is an 8. Goodies just as quickly as you can. This time, it's OK to let the family know what you're doing. They'll be proud of you.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is a 7. You're gaining technical expertise, although your progress isn't steady. Your enthusiasm is interspersed with lumps of confusion. Keep at it; don't give up.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is an 8. Don't even try to tell anybody about your recent insights. Put what you're learning into action. Teach by your example.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is a 6. In an amazing twist of fate, the truth is soon revealed. Provide a shoulder to cry on, if one is required. If not, join the celebration.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Today is a 6. Yes, you are being tested, but it's not about what you know. It's more about who you are. And you're already passed.

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